GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of misconduct – Departmental proceedings initiated against Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, Nagalapuram (M), Chittoor District (now retired) under Rule-20 of APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991 - Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.181. **Dated:17.04.2023.**

Read the following:-

1) From the Director General, ACB, Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.129/ RCT-TCT/2015 Dated:06.02.2019.
2) G.O.Rt.No.367, PR & RD (Vig-II) Dept., Dated:13.05.2019.
3) From Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, Nagalapuram(M), Chittoor District (now retired), Written Statement of Defence, Dated:18.07.2019.
4) G.O.Rt.No.715, PR&RD(Vig-II)Dept., Dated:22.11.2019.
5) From Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig(4)/28873/ ACB/20-15, dated 03.08.2021 & 09.03.2022 along with Inquiry Officer Reports of SE (PR) Chittoor & I.O Reports dated:18.01.2021, 16.07.2021 & 20.01.2022.
6) Govt.Memo.No.14843/Vig.II/2015-8, PR&RD(Vig.II) Dept., Dt:21.05.2022.
7) From Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, Nagalapuram(M), Chittoor District (now retired) dated:nil received through CPR&RD letter No.894708/CPR&RD/VIG/2019, dt:05.09.2022.

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ORDER:

In the references 2nd read above, Government have initiated departmental proceedings duly framing the following article of charges under Rule-20 of APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991 against Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, Nagalapuram(M), Chittoor District (now retired), on the allegation of misconduct being immediate Supervisory Officer failed to ensure handing over of charge by Sri B. Eswar Babu to his successor, Sri P. Gopal, who reported for duty on 01.09.2015, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

"That Smt. Padukula Rukmaniamma while working as Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Nagalapuram Mandal, Chittoor District being immediate Supervisory Officer failed to ensure handing over of charge by Sri B. Eswara Babu, AEE to his successor, P. Gopal, who reported for duty on 01.09.2015 as per orders of S.E., PR, Chittoor vide Ref.No.A.1172612015, dt:15.08.2015 and order of EE., PR, Chittoor vide Ref No.A.1 132/2015, dt:20.08.2015 and failed to report the same to her senior officers and thereby failed to maintain absolute integrity by violating APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer, Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, Nagalapuram(M), Chittoor District (now retired) has submitted the written statement of defence and he denied the above charge.

3. Since, the Written Statement of Defence is not convincing, after examining the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the charge framed against the charged officer Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, Nagalapuram(M), Chittoor District (now retired).

4. Accordingly, Government have issued orders in the reference 4th read above and appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Chittoor District as the Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry against the charged officer. The Executive Engineer, PR, Chittoor has been appointed as the Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority, therein.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Chittoor District & Inquiry Officer has submitted Inquiry Report along with his findings. In the findings in the Inquiry Report Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, Nagalapuram, Chittoor has submitted that she has joined duty as MPDO, Nagalapuram on 28.08.2015, it is a fact that Sri P. Gopal was posted as AE, PR to MPP, Nagalapuram in the place of Sri B. Eswara Babu, AE, B.N. Kandriga who was working in MPP, Nagalapuram on deputation. Sri P. Gopal, AE has joined duty in MPP, Nagalapuram on 01.09.2015. He did not attend to the office on 05.09.2015 and 06.09.2015 being the Sri Krishnastami and Sunday public holidays. The individual also went on casual leave on 08.09.2015 and 09.09.2015. Sri P. Gopal, AE., has worked only for five days and during this period Sri P. Gopal, AE, Nagalapuram never complained to her that his predecessor has not handed over him the charge list. She has spent most of the time in touring the villages to know the geographical area and to interact with public in connection with implementation of various Govt. Programmes. During those short period not even a single review meeting was held with Mandal Level Officers and it is also ascertained that Sri P. Gopal, newly joined AE., MPP, Nagalapuram never complained to the then MPDO i.e., Smt. P. Rukminamma about not handing over of charge by his successor.

6. The Inquiry Officer while taking into consideration the contents of Defence Statement of the Charged Officer and the report of Presenting Officer, it is noticed that in a short period of working days there were very little chances to any officer to exercise control over his subordinate. Basing on the material available and evidence attributable to show that there was no any mal intention, willful negligence or disobedience on the part of Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, MPP, Nagalapuram, Chittoor District. Hence the Inquiry Officer has concluded in his findings that the charge leveled against Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, MPP, Nagalapuram Chittoor District (now retired) is held **"Not Proved"**.

7. Government, after careful examination of matter, have decided to accept the findings of the Superintending Engineer, PR, Chittoor & Inquiry Officer and to drop further action against Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, MPP, Nagalapuram Chittoor District (now retired), in the matter.

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8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Smt. P. Rukminamma, the then MPDO, MPP, Nagalapuram Chittoor District (now retired), in the matter.

9. The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur, shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. P. Rukmaniamma, the then MPDO, MPP, Nagalapuram Chittoor District (now retired), (Through Commissioner, PR & RD, Guntur)
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development,
A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur.

Copy to:
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The Director General, ACB, Vijayawada.
The PR & RD (Estt-V) Department – for information.
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SECTION OFFICER